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Marſeilles, May 12.

THE French Fleet, conſiſting of 20 Men Men of War, as many Gallies, 20 double Shalops, and 10 Galliots, beſides Victuallers and other Tenders, ſailed from *Thoulon* on Saturday laſt under the Command of Monſieur *du Queſne*, and took their Courſe to the Eaſtward. We have an account that the French have made a Peace with the Algerines, who it's ſaid are to reſtore all the Slaves of this Nation. The Tripolins have lately taken a Bark of this place laden with Corn. The *Tyger* Frigat is gone over for *Tripoli*: And the *Mary-Roſe* and another Engliſh Man of War are ſailed for *Argiers*.

Vienna, May 7. Our Letters from *Newſol* tell us, that the Turks aſſemble their Troops near *Buda*; and that they work with great diligence on the Fortifications of that place. And from *Leopoſtadt* they write, that a Body of Turks commanded by ſeveral Baſſa's, was come to *Agria*, having orders to attempt the relief of *Newheuſel*; and that upon this advice the Count *de Caprara* had given out orders for the march of the Imperial Troops to oppoſe them. We have advice from *Turky*, that the Grand Signior had ordered the Baſſa of *Sileſtria* to march with 20000 men towards *Babylon* to reduce ſeveral Baſſa's on that ſide, that have, it's ſaid, revolted, and have offered to joyn with the Perſians. We have an account by our laſt Letters from *Cracow*, that a Truce is concluded between the Poles and the Muſcovites for nine years.

From the Camp before Luxemburg, May 14. 1684.

The Twenty ſeventh of the laſt Month the City of *Luxemburg* was inveſted, and the next day the Mareſchal *de Crequi* came before it with the whole Army, under his command; Some days were ſpent in taking their Quarters round the place, and in making the neceſſary preparations for the Siege; The head Quarter reaches from the Hill of *Bambuche* to the Village of *Merle*, where are poſted 10 Batallions, 8 Squadrons, and 4 Companies of Gunners. The Count *du Pleſſis*, Lieutenant-General, is quartered with 11 Batallions and 7 Squadrons between *Linſing* and the Hill of the Abby of *Bonnevoye*. The Marquis *de Genlis*, Lieutenant-General, has his Quarter with five Batallions from the ſaid Hill near to the Village of *Hant*. The Quarter of the Sieur *de Foyeuſe*, with ſix Batallions and eight Squadrons, is between the River of *Alſette* and the Village of *Homeldange*; and two Batallions of Fuſiliers, the Company of Miners and Bombardiers, and two Squadrons of Dragoons of the Baron of *Hanfeldt*'s Regiment are poſted in the Low Grounds of *Homeldange*. The Lines of Circumvallation and Contravallation being finiſhed, the Mareſchal *de Crequi* gave orders for the opening of the Trenches, which was accordingly done the 8th Inſtant by two Batallions of *Champagne*, one of *Enguien* and one of *la Ferte*, commanded by the Count *de Pleſſis*, the Count *de Broglio*, Mareſchal *de Camp*, and the Duke *de la Ferte* Brigadier of Foot; They broke Ground about Nine a Clock at night within half Muſquet ſhot of the Counterſcarp, the Batallions of *Champagne* carrying their Attack from the right to the left, and thoſe of *la Ferte* and *Enguien* from the left to the right. The ſame night the Sieur *de Vauban* marked out the Ground for two Batteries on a Hill pretty near the Chapel of *Noſtre Dame de Conſolation*, with Lines of Communication with the Trenches: The Enemy did not diſcover our Workmen till towards 11 a Clock, and then fired very thick upon us; The Lieutenant-Colonel of *Champagne* and four or five Workmen were only wounded, the Works having been carried on with ſo great diligence, that our men were already covered when the Enemy began to fire. About four a Clock the next morning a Party of Horſe ſallied out of the place to diſturb our Workmen, but they found them ſo well ſupported by ſeveral detachements, that they preſently retired again; The ſame night the Marquis *de Ranti* and the Marquis *de Crenan* made a falſe Attack, the firſt on the ſide of the Lower Town with the Batallion of *Conde*, and the other near the Abby of *Bonnevoy* with a detachement of 500 men; and at the ſame time the Ground was marked out for another Battery on the Hill of *Paſſendall*: At break of day the Enemies Cannon began to play upon us, and ſo continued without intermiſſion, but did us not much harm. The 9th, the Works were continued by two Batallions of *Navarre*, and thoſe of *Vaubecourt* and *Gonſi* commanded by the Marquis *de Genlis*, with the loſs only of 6 or 7 men. And two Batteries of ſeven pieces of Cannon each, and one of nine Mortar Pieces began to fire with good ſucceſs, and diſordered a Battery of the Enemies of four Pieces of Cannon which they had made upon a Cavalier, and from whence they fired without intermiſſion upon us: The ſame day we raiſed a Battery of two Pieces of Cannon upon the Hill of *Gromp*, and one of 15 on the Hill of *Paſſendall*, which we began to make uſe of the next day. The 9th in the evening the beſieged quitted part of the Suburb of *Paſſendall* which is on this ſide the River, after having ſet fire to the Houſes there; and they likewiſe abandoned a Mill, about 50 paces from thence, under which they had prepared a Mine, believing our men would not fail to lodge themſelves there, but they did not, and the Mine ſprang without doing us any harm; And the 10th the Enemy burnt the reſt of *Paſſendall*; And that evening the Sieur *de Foyeuſe*, Lieutenant-General, the Marquis *de Ranti* and the Sieur *de Foſſeaux* Brigadier of Foot, mounted the Trenches with two Batallions of *Piedmont*, and the firſt Batalion of *Auvergne*, and the ſecond of the Regiment Royal. The Enemy made continual fire upon us, but we had but 7 or 8 men killed and 11 or 12 wounded. This day our Cannon and Bombs quite ruined the Cavalier, and the defences of the Baſtion on the right of it. The 10th, the 11th, and 12th the Works were carried on with little loſs, and it was computed that ſince the opening of the Trenches, we had not had 100 men killed and wounded. The 12th a Shot from the Town falling among ſome Bombs, ſet fire to them and to 2000 weight of Powder, by which accident 4 Bombardiers were killed and ſix dangerouſly wounded. The ſame day ſeveral new Batteries were finiſhed, and we now fired upon the Town with 38 pieces of Cannon and 15 Mortar Pieces, and the Sieur *de la Caſſemoie*,